



## REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

### CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of September 25, 2006

#### *Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets*

##### **Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)**

On September 21, 2006 Tiffany Hall was arrested in East St. Louis, IL by members of GLRFTF, officers from the East St. Louis PD, and troopers from the Illinois State Police. Authorities wanted Hall for Murder after she allegedly killed her pregnant cousin. During this incident, Hall allegedly beat the victim until she nearly lost consciousness. At this point, Hall allegedly bound the victim with duct tape and used scissors to remove the fetus from the victim's womb, killing both the victim and her unborn child. GLRFTF investigators developed information indicating that Hall fled to a housing complex in East St. Louis, later identifying the exact unit Hall took refuge in. GLRFTF personnel made entrance at that target residence and took Hall safely into custody as she attempted to flee from the rear of the residence. Subsequent investigation following Hall's arrest revealed the disappearance of the victim's other children; aged one, three, and seven. In later interviews Hall admitted to drowning the three children and placing their bodies in the apartment complex's laundry machines. Investigators recovered the children's bodies on September 23, 2006.



**Tiffany Hall**  
**Wanted for:**  
**Murder**

##### **New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)**

On September 26, 2006 Ronnie Brown, a documented member of the **Bloods** gang, was arrested in Trenton, NJ by members of NY/NJ RFTF. Authorities wanted Brown for Aggravated Assault, Robbery, and Unlawful Possession of a Handgun after he and a male accomplice allegedly forced their way into a residence in Trenton. During this incident Brown and his accomplice encountered a sleeping male, at which point Brown allegedly began to severely beat the man using the butt of a handgun. Brown and his accomplice later fled the home with an undetermined amount of US currency. The victim suffered extensive injuries, but provided authorities with enough information to identify Brown as his assailant. NY/NJ RFTF investigators developed information on Brown's location, responded to that target site, and established surveillance. Investigators later observed Brown exit a vehicle and enter the target residence. NY/NJ RFTF personnel made entry into the target residence, conducted a search, and placed Brown safely into custody after finding him on the home's roof. Brown's alleged accomplice remains at large.

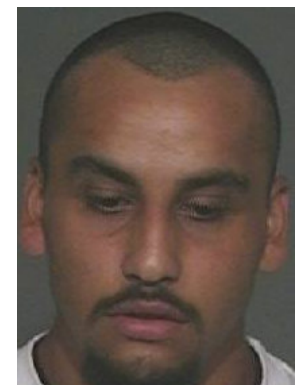
##### **Bloods Gang Member**



**Ronnie Brown**  
**Wanted for:**  
**Aggravated Assault & Robbery**

##### **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)**

On September 27, 2006 Jose Cervantes and a juvenile male were arrested in Las Vegas, NV by members of PSWRFTF, deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the District of Nevada, and officers from the Las Vegas PD (LVPD). The San Bernardino County (CA) Sheriff's Department (SBSD) wanted Cervantes and the juvenile for Rape and Sexual Assault after they, along with another juvenile male, allegedly forcibly raped a thirteen year old female victim on June 19, 2006. SBSB successfully captured the third juvenile on June 20, 2006. PSWRFTF, with critical assistance from the Financial Surveillance Unit (FSU), developed information indicating the pair fled to Las Vegas. Investigators responded to a target location in Las Vegas, observed Cervantes approach by vehicle, and moved in and safely took him into custody. Investigators also discovered and safely arrested the juvenile inside the target residence. Cervantes and the juvenile currently await extradition to California.



**Jose Cervantes**  
**Wanted for:**  
**Rape & Sex Assault**

**Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)**

On September 27, 2006 Sylvester Kelly was arrested in Woodbridge, VA by members of CARFTF. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (BATF) in the Eastern District of Virginia wanted Kelly for weapons violations, narcotics offences, Home Invasion, and Abduction. BATF considered Kelly a *Most Wanted* fugitive, and targeted him during Operation *Highway Men*, a multi-agency conspiracy investigation in July 2006 involving narcotics, firearms, and murder. CARFTF investigators actively participated in *Highway Men*. Following the conclusion of the operation, CARFTF continued to pursue Kelly, later developing information that he fled to a residence in Washington, MD. Investigators established surveillance at that target site, and observed an individual matching Kelly's description exit the home and depart by vehicle. Investigators followed the suspect vehicle and safely took Kelly into custody as he stopped at a gas station in Woodbridge. Incident to arrest, investigators seized large quantities of narcotics and US currency. A search of the target residence in Washington resulted in the seizure of a handgun allegedly used during the home invasion robberies.



**Sylvester Kelly**  
**Wanted for:**  
**Home Invasion,**  
**Abduction &**  
**Weapons / Narcotics**  
**Violations**

**Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)**

On September 27, 2006 Anwaar Smith was arrested in Pascagoula, MS by members of GCRFTF and the Jackson County (MS) Narcotics Task Force. Authorities in Charleston, SC wanted Smith for multiple charges of Assault and weapons possession relating to a home invasion occurring in August 2006. During this incident, Smith allegedly forced his way into a home with the intent of burglarizing it. Once inside, Smith allegedly shot and wounded two of the home's occupants. The District of South Carolina's Operation Intercept Task Force (OITF), with critical assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information indicating that Smith fled to Pascagoula. OITF forwarded a collateral lead to GCRFTF, which immediately responded. GCRFTF investigators identified a local motel Smith used for refuge, moved to that site, and safely took him into custody.



**Anwaar Smith**  
**Wanted for:**  
**Assault**

**Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)**

On September 28, 2006 Mario Woodward was arrested in Stockbridge, GA by members of SERFTF and the Technical Operations Group (TOG). Authorities in Montgomery, AL wanted Woodward for Capital Murder after he allegedly shot and killed a Montgomery PD (MPD) officer during a traffic stop the previous day. MPD requested assistance from the Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF) in locating and apprehending Woodward. GCRFTF learned that Woodward fled, with assistance from friends, to Birmingham, AL. Investigators later learned that Woodward continued his flight to Atlanta, GA, forwarding a collateral lead to SERFTF personnel. SERFTF, with critical assistance from TOG, identified Woodward's location in Stockbridge, and responded to that site. During surveillance, SERFTF investigators observed and began to follow a vehicle allegedly linked to Woodward. Investigators later stopped the vehicle, questioned its driver, and developed information indicating the driver dropped Woodward off at a nearby shopping center. Investigators established a perimeter, observed Woodward at a local gas station, and safely took him into custody. Woodward has an extensive criminal history, including a previous arrest for Homicide.



**Mario Woodward**  
**Wanted for:**  
**Capital Murder**